GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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HIGHER EDUCATION TO PLAYERS ALONGWITH SPORTS TRAINING
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sports Authority of India selects outstanding players at various centres and imparts training in various games ;

(b) whether these players are provided with facilities for higher education alongwith their sports training ;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith expenditure incurred by SAI, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the steps being taken to impart higher education to the players under going training at Sports Authority of India, State-wise and especially at district Shimla, Mandi, Solan in Himachal Pradesh?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT)

(a) Yes, Sir. Govt. of India through Sports Authority of India (SAI) is implementing the following Sports Promotion Schemes for development of Sports in the country:-

1. National Sports Talent Contest (NSTC)
2. Army Boys Sports Company (ABSC)
3. SAI Training Centre (STC)
4. Special Area Games (SAG)
5. Centre of Excellence (COX)

Under the above schemes talented sportspersons are selected based on the scheme criteria under residential and non residential streams

(b) The selected sportspersons admitted under the above schemes on residential basis while undergoing regular sports training also pursue their education and these trainees are provided with Rs.1000/- per annum to meet their educational expenses.

(c) There is no state-wise allocation of funds.

(d) Funds are allocated to the Regional Centres of SAI situated at Bangalore , Gandhinagar, Bhopal, Imphal, Kokatta and Chandigarh to meet educational expenditure. During 2003-04, funds to the tune of Rs.55.08 lakh were released to meet the educational expenses.Presently, SAI is running two SAI Training Centres at Dharamshala & Bilaspur where talented sportspersons from the State in the discipline of Athletics, Basketball, Volleyball, Kabaddi, Boxing and Hockey are admitted for regular residential training. The residential trainees are provided with financial assistance Rs.1000/- per annum per trainee to meet their educational expenses.